

## ABOLISH LICENSE SYSTEM.

### Coast Guard Editor Says It Keeps Trade Away.

#### Also Claims it Prevents the Sale of Bait, Etc.

Only a short while ago Canadian officials came out opposing reciprocity with the United States and now one of the leading papers, the Coast Guard of Clark's Harbor, has the following editorial, practically claiming that the license system forced against the United States fishing vessels which go to Nova Scotia ports for bait, is not a help, but a positive harm, as it keeps away trade their merchants would otherwise get. The Coast Guard editor evidently sees the matter in the broad light of fairness and equity. Here is what he says:

"Nova Scotia fishermen are almost a unit in declaring the license system, enforced against American vessels, is not a help to us but a positive harm. It largely prevents the sale of bait and supplies, from which the shore settlements would derive a great benefit, as some of them, notably Guysboro town, did in the days of reciprocity, when they were the chief resort of the American fleet, bankers and mackerel catchers. Thus our fishermen, who are the best judges in the matter, make out a pretty strong case for the removal of the tonnage fees.

"When you do meet one of them with a different opinion, his argument is funny enough to be remembered. Such a one is William, of a neighboring town, of a long and respectable foreign record, both as hand-liner and trawler. He had been there himself, not two months ago,—short of bait and shying around to get some, without the paper permit. Hence he had to depart empty handed, which most folks consider a shame. Not so William. He shook his head when the question was being discussed on Goreham's wharf the other day, and sadly remarked: 'When I am on an American schooner, I am an American citizen, and would like well enough to slip in and get some bait. But when I am here I am a Nova Scotian and don't want to see one privilege given away and get nothing for it.' 'Why, said another, 'we would get something for it. You would get your fare, and the man who catches herring would take the money for them.' 'No, no,' was the reply. 'we wouldn't gain anything by that,' and he walked away, with a look of unbelief in his own words, which, however, were the best that can be said on that side."

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Patriot, Georges, 2000 lbs. cod, 6000 lbs. hake, 5000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Motor, shore, 7000 lbs. pollock,  
Sch. Allen H. Jones, shore, 35,000 lbs. hake.  
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, via Boston.  
Sch. Theresa and Alice, via Boston.  
Pollock fleet, shore, 160,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Pet, 50 bbls. fresh herring.  
Steamer Joppaite, 60 bbls. fresh herring.  
Torchers, 50 bbls. fresh herring.  
Sch. Judique, Quero Bank, 1500 lbs. halibut, 1500 lbs. flitches, 15,000 lbs. cod, 75,000 lbs. fresh cod.

### Today's Market.

Board of trade prices: Large handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. medium do., \$3.75; large trawl Georges, \$4.25; medium do., \$3.50; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$4.25; medium do., \$3.50; large trawl bank cod, \$3.50; medium do., \$3.00; large dory handline cod, \$3.75; medium do., \$3.25.

Board of Trade splitting prices on fresh fish —All cod caught on Le Have Bank and to the westward, large \$2.25; medium, \$1.70; all cod caught to the eastward of Le Have Bank large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.70; snapper cod fish, 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.60; snapper cusk, 40 cts. haddock, \$1.00; hake, \$1.10; pollock, 60 cts.

Outside sales Georges cod, \$5.00 per hundred weight for large and \$3.75 for medium.

Outside sale fresh fish, large cod, \$2.25; market cod, \$1.75; cusk, \$1.60; hake, \$1.15.

Salt mackerel, \$19.00 per barrel.

Flitched halibut 7 3-4 cts. per lb.

Outside sales bank cod, \$3.87 1-2 and \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.37 1-2 and \$3.50 for mediums.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 to \$3 per bbl.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Admiral Dewey was at Canso on Friday and schs. Henry M. Stanley and F. W. Homans cleared from there the same day.

Capt. James Goodwin is fitting sch. Monitor for haddocking.

Capt. Thomas Somers is fitting sch. Nannie C. Bohlin for haddocking.

### Boston.

Sch. J. W. Cromwell, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 20,000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, 1000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Sea Fox, 5000 haddock, 8000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Albert Willard, 500 cod, 1200 hake.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Bertha Bailey, 13,000 pollock.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 800 haddock, 1300 cod, 10,000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. James Drinan, 55,000 hake.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 600 haddock, 300 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Philip Manta, 12,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 5000 hake, 500 cusk.

Sch. Moonaman, 3500 haddock, 8000 cod, 10,000 hake, 1000 cusk, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Flora Nickerson, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 13,000 hake.

Sch. Joseph Warren, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. I. J. Merritt, 18,000 haddock, 7500 cod, 12,000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Mary Walen, 9000 haddock, 5000 cod, 22,000 hake.

Sch. Stranger, 1000 hake.

Sch. Rienzi, 1000 haddock, 2500 cod, 20,000 hake.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; large cod, \$1.50 to \$5; hake, \$1.25 to \$1.50; cusk, \$1.50 to \$2; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.60.

### New Fishing Bank Discovered.

A Newfoundland exchange says: "The discovery of some new deep sea fishing banks off Catalina and extending north past Bonavista Bay towards Labrador is welcome news for both our own trawlers and the American and Canadian ones. There was an idea to come in and look them over. We shall be glad to hear of it."

## LOUISBURG NOTES.

### Several Bankers and Seiners Were There Recently.

Our regular correspondent at Louisburg, C. B., sends us the following interesting letter under date of October 14.

Within the last week two or three seining vessels from Gloucester, called into port, and then proceeded north. There have been a few mackerel taken in nets at Lorrane, a few miles east of Louisburg, and at Scatteri Island some of the netters have received a few barrels. Since last Sunday there has been a heavy breeze of east wind with almost continuous rain, and no fishing of any kind is being done.

The heavy wind of the last few days have caused several fishing and coasting vessels to seek shelter in the harbor. The following Gloucester vessels have arrived this week, Maggie and May, Green Bank, Lawrence A. Munroe, Mizaine Bank, Lucinda I. Lowell and Fannie W. Freeman, Scatteri fishing grounds. The Maggie and May has 173,000 pounds cod on board.

The Lockport fishing schooners Ida M. Clark and Mattie, and the Lunenburg fishing schooner Ambition, arrived in from the banks this week. The Ambition is about two weeks from home and has about 100 qtls. of fish on board.

The Emma E. Witherell and Carrie W. Babson sailed from here last Wednesday.

One of Gloucester's leading business men, Orlando Merchant, and wife, spent a day in Louisburg last week. While here Mr. and Mrs. Merchant were guests at the private boarding house of Capt. and Mrs. Thomas Townsend. Mr. Merchant was delighted with his visit to Cape Breton. It is more than seven years since he has been to Louisburg and he was quite surprised at the changes that have taken place during that time.

The place has advanced to a considerable extent since his last visit. The harbor of Louisburg Mr. Merchant says is one of the best he ever saw, and he is loud in his praise of it. Mr. and Mrs. Merchant visited Old Town and viewed the ruins of the old fortress, the monument erected by the society of Colonial men in memory of the brave New Englander who took part in the first capture of Louisburg. Mr. Merchant says he has a history of Louisburg at home one of the best histories ever written concerning the place and its surroundings. And he regretted that he had not brought it with him. He says he found in Mr. Patrick Kennedy, the guide to visitors who visit that place, a man of very intelligent turn of mind, and that he explained everything in a very lucid manner.

### Herring Shy of the Weirs.

The Maine herring supply has caused much uneasiness this season on the part of those engaged in the business, although the business on the Machias bay has probably shared as well as any of the places on the coast. Many of the weirs that last year brought thousands of dollars to their owners have this season earned but comparatively small sums.

This is due to no lack of fish in the Machias bay, for the herring have been here in large schools since early in the season, but for some reason that cannot be explained they have generally refused to enter the weirs. As a result of this many of the fishermen undertook to seine the fish. But this is contrary to law in the Machias bay as well as in many other places, and it not only aroused the fish wardens, whose duty it is to enforce the law, but it aroused the opposition of the weir owners and in a short time it was quite effectually broken up.

A very determined effort is being made to catch the fish, however, and the latest move on the part of those who are after them is to follow them up the river and entrap them in hastily constructed weirs. Between the village of Machias and the Rim bridge, a distance of about two miles, something like 20 weirs are under course of construction.

### CAPT. JACOBS' LICENSE.

#### Is Corresponding With Canadian Authorities on It.

#### Wants to Find Out Why It Was Withdrawn.

Steamer Alice M. Jacobs, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, of this port, was at North Sydney, C. B., Sunday. The captain has been in correspondence with Canadian authorities as to the withdrawal of his license, but so far without success. Senator Lodge is interesting himself in his behalf.

### Raise on Salt Fish.

At a meeting of the fisheries committee of the board of trade this morning the prices of large and medium handline and trawl Georges cod and hand line caught east of Cape Sable, were advanced 25 cents per hundred pounds.